Town of Jericho
Cemetery Commission
Jericho Town Hall,67 Vermont Route 15
Wednesday 17 February 2016

FINAL Minutes

(Subject to approval at next regular meeting.)

Members Present: Stuart Alexander, J. Brooks Buxton, Albert Lindholm

Members Absent: None

Guests: Mr. Todd Odit, Town Administrator

Public: None

This seventh meeting of the Jericho Cemetery Commission, warned for 12:00, began at 12:04 pm.

Regarding improved access to Castle Cemetery, Mr. Lindholm reported that at his most recent meeting with representatives of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd they had decided in favor of a site plan depicting relocation of the entrance to their present parking lot from VT Route 15 to a location near their easterly boundary with closure of the present drive near their westerly boundary. The new entrance would have an approximate 8-9% grade.

An alternative plan that the church might favor was essentially the same except that it could provide several more parking spaces near the westerly boundary of their parking lot.

Either alternative would include a new road from near the northwesterly corner of their parking lot to the cemetery. This would have an approximate 5% grade. There would be little or no room on the church property just outside the cemetery for a turnaround, hence maintenance vehicles or those of visitors probably would have to back up.

A 3'd. alternative, an access drive perpendicular from Route 15 directly more or less on grade to the Castle Cemetery entrance, whether by easement or boundary drive adjustment (the church lot size could allow the latter) might be unfeasible for the same reason-lack of room for a turnaround near VT Route 15. (Or even if there were room, a much longer "backup"-and an additional curb cut.) As it is, either of the first two alternatives will require VT Agency of Transportation approval for relocation of the existing curb cut.

It was decided that Mr. Lindholm would inform the Church that the Cemetery Commission is in accord with either of the first two proposals. Either would require cemetery signage at the VT Rt. 15 entrance to the church parking lot and at the base of the cemetery access drive.

Minutes of the Cemetery Commission meetings of 19 May 2015 were approved as amended, and those of 18 October and 17 December as written.

Meeting adjourned 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart A. Alexander